

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**STANDARDS WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER DRAFT REGULATIONS  
FOR STEM CELL RESEARCH IN CALIFORNIA**

**EMERYVILLE, CA** – Next Monday (10/24/05), the Scientific and Medical Accountability Standards Working Group (“Standards Working Group”), chaired by Sherry Lansing and Bernard Lo, M.D., will meet in Los Angeles.

**WHO:** Scientific and Medical Accountability Standards Working Group, comprised of five patient advocates of the Independent Citizens’ Oversight Committee (ICOC), nine scientists and clinicians nationally recognized in the field of stem cell research, four medical ethicists, and the chairperson of the ICOC.

**WHAT:** The Standards Working Group will continue its discussions regarding the Draft Regulations for stem cell research funded by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). The members will consider issues pertaining to diversity, ESCRO membership, stem cell banking requirements and compensation among others.

For the full agenda, please visit: <http://www.cirm.ca.gov/meetings/2005/10/10-24-05.asp>

**WHEN:** **MONDAY, OCTOBER 24/10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (Estimated)**

**WHERE:** **Luxe Hotel Sunset Boulevard**  
*Room: Luxe Sunset Ballroom*  
*11461 Sunset Boulevard*  
*Los Angeles, CA 90049*

**WHY:** The Standards Working Group makes recommendations to the 29-member ICOC that governs the CIRM on scientific, medical and ethical standards pertaining to stem cell research the institute funds. The Standards Working Group, appointed on May 6, 2005, makes recommendations to the ICOC on compliance of adopted standards, as well as on modifications to standards.

**Background:** The Standards Working Group has already recommended Interim CIRM Regulations based on the *Guidelines for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research*, published by the National Academies of Science in May 2005. The ICOC will consider these interim standards at the November 2nd meeting in San Francisco.

If approved by the ICOC, the Interim CIRM Regulations will be in effect for no longer the 270 day as required by law. The Standards Working Group is currently drafting Final CIRM Regulations. Final regulations must be developed in accordance to the California Administrative Procedures Act (APA). A major focus of the working group is developing standards which ensure CIRM-funded research meets high scientific, medical and ethical standards and meets the requirements of the APA.

